

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

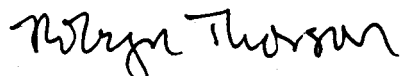
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that the proposed land trade and sewage treatment system improvements at Beaver Dam State Park, near Carlinville, Illinois is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. There are no known or anticipated endangered, threatened or candidate species or designated critical habitat that will be adversely affected (pp. 13-14, section 3.2.2 of the EA and attached Intra-Service Section 7 form).
2. No known historic properties will be affected (p. 16, section 3.4 of the EA).
3. The existing sewage treatment system is not adequate to meet current sewage effluent discharge standards (pp. 1-3, section 1.4 and pp. 24-25, section 4.4.2 of the EA).
4. The proposed sewage treatment system will not adversely impact the water quality of the receiving stream since there will be no discharge of treated sewage effluent (pp. 6-8, section 2.2.1 of the EA).
5. The proposed land trade will provide increased habitat diversity (p.12, section 3.2.1 of the EA).
6. The loss of 6.54 acres of public hunting lands for the sewage treatment lagoons, spray irrigation field, control building, parking lot and access road has been off-set by the addition of 3,655 acres of public hunting lands in the area of Beaver Dam State Park (p. 20, section 4.1.6 of the EA).
7. Public review and involvement of the Draft EA (3/18/03), indicates general acceptance and approval for the land swap and sewage treatment system improvements.

Supporting References:

1. Supplemental Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, ROD dated 04-17-95
2. NEPA Compliance Checklist
3. Environmental Assessment



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